

"Watershed Specialists have been instrumental in the improvement of Pennsylvania's environment by:

- Securing millions of dollars of matching funds and in-kind contributions for Growing Greener projects, thereby increasing Growing Greener's effectiveness by stretching our state dollars even further;
- Ensuring project success by serving as project managers;
- Acting as liaisons between watershed groups and various state agencies, improving communication and understanding between state government and its citizens;
- Educating citizens about the value of a healthy environment and ways to improve water quality; and
- Working with citizens and municipalities to find local solutions for local environmental problems."

*Andy McAllister, Regional Coordinator,
Western PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation*

"Watershed specialists are an invaluable connection to restoring watersheds and promoting environmental protection at the local level --- helping us achieve continued success in cleaning up the environment and revitalizing our local communities."

Pennsylvania Governor, Edward Rendell



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So...What is a Watershed Specialist?

Working as part of the service complement of your local County Conservation District, Watershed Specialists serve as invaluable resources by:

- assisting the public in finding local solutions to local environmental problems;
- serving as a liaison between citizens or private groups and government officials or agencies, improving communication and understanding;
- providing expert advice to farmers and landowners on conservation practices, including the installation of Best Management Practices (BMPs);
- assisting community groups to create watershed associations, as well as develop and strengthen other conservation partnerships;
- providing watershed assessment, technical assistance, and workplan development/coordination to restore and protect groundwater and surface water resources;
- facilitating field activities such as establishing riparian buffers and other streambank stabilization projects, retrofitting and maintaining stormwater basins, and monitoring and maintaining acid mine drainage sites;
- providing public outreach and education to community organizations, individuals and schools on a variety of watershed conservation topics, including the reduction and prevention of pollution: and
- obtaining millions of dollars in grants, matching funds, and private donations each year to coordinate watershed protection projects.

And...What has your county's Watershed Specialist done for you?

Protecting our watersheds means clean water in our streams. Clean water in our streams means healthy drinking water in our homes. It provides for safe water activities, such as swimming and boating, and a healthy environment for abundant wildlife and natural resources in and around our aquatic environments. Clean water is essential for life. Threats to our clean water do not follow political boundaries, but occur within watersheds.

Your county's Watershed Specialist, in partnership with local watershed groups, private citizens and organizations, and other governmental agencies, plays an important role in ensuring clean water for future generations.



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